

A

REVIEW

OF THE

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OF THE

ENGLISH NATION.

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I Am told, I am a little too arrogant in confining our War to the Event of Peace, and that Circumstances may happen, which may make it necessary to pursue the Enemy farther than the bare restraining him from Mischief——And this Part of it I readily grant.

But all this does not confine me from saying, the true End and Design of this War must be Peace; because the only justifiable End of fighting is so, all the rest is Plunder and Deprivation.

As to possessing our Neighbours Country, and giving it to our Soldiers, it seems to me not any part of this Matter; we cannot do it, we cannot think of it without destroying our own just Pretences, and occasionally conforming to that Tyranny we profess to pull down.

England has Ways and Means sufficient to reward those, that venture their Lives in her Service——Were we inclin'd to be grateful, and not when Men have fought for us, and deliver'd us, and come to be disbanded, turn them away with Poverty and Contempt, and expose them to Jails and Gibbets; or to seek Bread in foreign Service, of which I shall speak in its Season.

But that I may not offer my Opinion alone in this Case, I crave leave to bring some Vouchers to it, I have quoted already, Her Majesty's Speeches to the Parliament, and the Parliaments Addresses to Her Majesty; all which express the utmost Hopes and the last End of this War, to be restoring the Liberty of Europe, and obtaining a lasting Peace. I have quoted the Duke of Marlborough's Letter to Mr. Secretary Harley;

Harley; wherein his Grace prays for it, as all the Blessing we seek by this War; that the French may be reduc'd to the Necessity of accepting a firm and solid Peace.

Let me add a few more Authorities to my Opinion; *M^r. Sauer*, the English Envoy in Switzerland, in his Memorial to the Canton of *Bern*, tells them, It is the utmost of our Hopes, To reduce France to its just Bounds, and settle the Peace of Europe on a safe and lasting Foundation.

The Dissenting Ministers Address to the QUEEN, congratulating her Majesty on the wonderful Victories now obtain'd, has the same Words, *Viz.*

As the important Consequences of your Majesty's Triumphs make a daily Accession to your Glory; so they give us Hopes, and an agreeable Prospect of a speedy Reduction of France to its just Limits, and the Restitution of Liberty and Peace to Europe.

I think, I need go no farther; tho' I have a great Number of other Authorities concurring with my Opinion; I hope, no Man can take it amiss, that I thus differ in my Notion of the War from them; I entirely acquiesce in the Reduction of our Enemies, and of all the Enemies of the Protestant Religion, and the general Liberty of Mankind, whether at home or abroad; I would have all Manner of Tyranny, whether French or English, Foreign or Domestick, Ecclesiastical or Civil, reduc'd; or a la Mode of Roger the Countryman muzzled, most effectually muzzled, so as never to be able to worry Mankind any more.

Liberty is certainly a civil Right of Divine Original, the only Claim of Mankind which is *Fure Divino* universally; he that won't fight for it, is a Fool, he that denies it to any, must be a Knave, *Anglice*, a Tyrant; for a Tyrant cannot be an honest Man.

Well, Gentlemen, to leave the Event of things a while, let us talk of what is now in Agitation; and since our last we are made glad with unexpected News from Italy; Prince Eugene resolves not to be in the Duke of Marlborough's Debt, he will endeavour to cap Victories with him, and keep the Reckoning even——Now we

are inform'd, he has pass'd the *Adige*, with an unexpected Success, has push'd the French from all their Fastnesses, drove them before him with his usual Valour, and they seem dispirited there as well as in *Flanders*.

And which is more beyond Expectation, than the rest; the Germans make their way down to the *Po*, and this I cannot but remark on a little.

To have travers'd the *Milanese*, had been a tedious and almost impracticable thing, the Country being so full of Rivers, Canals, and innumerable Advantages to an Enemy, who is to stand only on the *Defensive*.

But if he passes the *Po*, and keeping the lower Bank of that River, marches thro' *Parma*, *Modena*, &c. he has, tho' a longer March, a plainer way to *Piedmont* which is the Design——God send him a good Journey, I confess, 'tis now more hopeful than it was before, to my Apprehension——Let us view a little the Case of the Duke of *Savoy*.

That faithful and constant Prince has been not very successful; since he left *Turin*, the French have push'd him with a great deal of Celerity, and pursued him so close, that he has not without great Difficulty recovered the Mountains, sent the Ladies away to *Genoa* by Sea, and now shelters himself only by the inaccessible Difficulties of the Country.

Having thus coup't him up, and separated his Forces; the Siege of *Turin* becomes not so absolutely necessary to the French, as it did before——A Blockade till towards the End of the Campaign may be sufficient, and in its Event as fatal to *Turin*, as a Siege; for a severe Winter Blockade to a Town, so great and populous, must be very ruinous to the Trade, and Subsistence of the numerous Families there.

Now, if they form it into first a Bombardment, and then a Blockade, Monsieur *Feuillade* may spare 15000 Men at least, and of them 5000 Horse, which he is very strong, in, to join the Duke of *Vendosme's* Army.

And this now seems the greatest Case before me, if this Army won't fight, if the Consternation is universal, and the French will fight no where, I know not what to say

say to that ; The King of France must send us Word, he will fight no more, and cry Quarter, that is, send us the *Carre Blanche* to make our own Terms—And then we come to my Point again, PEACE. Peace and Liberty are certainly the things we fight for, Mad-men only fight for the sake of quarrelling ; and *Bedlam*, not a Protestant Army, is fit to entertain them.

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